THIS JANUARY...

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POWER RANGERS!

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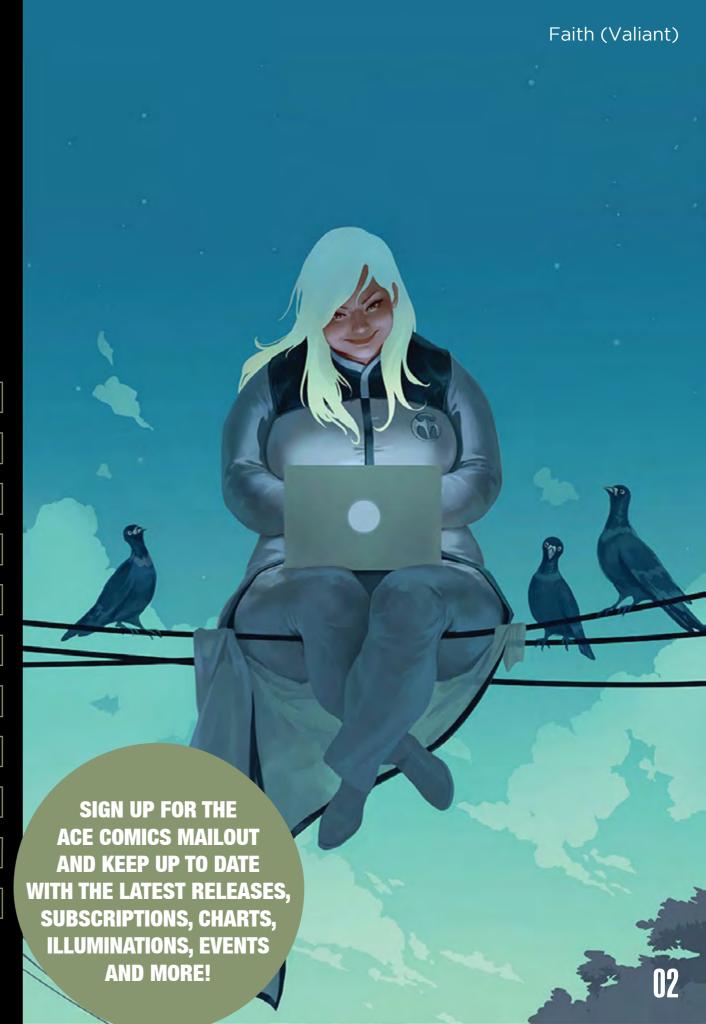
















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HELLBOY:
WINTER
SPECIAL
2016

Mike Mignola, Michael Walsh, Tim Sale, Various

Best-selling novelist Chelsea Cain writes and Michael Avon Oeming draws the first of three snowbound stories. Then Tim Sale visits Mignola's prehistoric mythology, and in a lead-in to the upcoming issues of Hellboy and the B.P.R.D.: 1953, Hellboy explores a haunted mine in the barren wastes of Wyoming.

In Shops: 27/01/2016



LEAVING MEGA-LOPOLIS: SURVIVING MEGA-LOPOLIS #1

Gail Simone, Jim Calafiore

The Kickstarter phenomenon returns! Fan-favorite creators Gail Simone (Batgirl, Deadpool) and J. Calafiore (Secret Six, Exiles) return to the town whose citizens are huntednot by villains, but by heroes! The survivors of Megalopolis reluctantly go back to the city-still under the control of formerly beloved superheroes turned brutal killers-on a rescue mission straight into the heart of madness. Get in on the ground floor of this critically acclaimed series and see what happens when the good guys go very, very bad.

In Shops: 13/01/2016

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GREEN LANTERN CORPS: EDGE OF OBLIVION #1

Tom Taylor, Ethan Van Sciver

Picking up where *Green Lantern:* Lost Army left off! As the universe around them reaches entropy, the Green Lantern Corps must find a way home! Along the way, they'll face dying gods, worlds torn asunder and a desperate group of survivors whose only hope is these cosmic heroes.

In Shops: 13/01/2016



INJUSTICE - GODS AMONG US: YEAR FIVE #1

Brian Buccellato, Bruno Redondo, David Yardin, Various

This is it: the final year of Injustice: Gods Among Us, leading into the storyline of the hit videogame! Having defeated the Green Lantern Corps, the forces of magic, and now the gods themselves, the Regime seems to have eliminated all threats. Yet uneasy lies the crown on the head of Emperor Superman. Still obsessed with the outlaw Batman and worried about having enough troops to police his world, The Man of Steel begins to recruit some of Earth's deadliest villains to his side. Does the Dark Knight have any chance of ending the Man of Steel's rule?

In Shops: 06/01/2016



LEGEND OF WONDER WOMAN #1

Renae De Liz, Ray Dillon

A new Wonder Woman 9-issue miniseries begins here with a story written and pencilled by Renae De Liz (The Last Unicorn)!

In the beginning there was only chaos. But Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, saw a better future-and eventually, her daughter would be destined to bring that new world to life! Before her ultimate fate unfolds, though, Diana of Themyscira must learn the important lessons of an Amazonian childhood!

In Shops: 13/01/2016



POISON IVY: CYCLE OF LIFE AND DEATH #1

Amy Chu, Clay Mann

Life. Death. Poison Ivy has power over both. But can she keep her friends and hold down a regular job at the same time? As Dr. Pamela Isley, she joins the prestigious plant sciences department at Gotham Botanical Gardens, but things quickly get complicated when a fellow scientist is murdered and it looks like the work of Ivy.

Don't miss the start of this new 6-issue miniseries!

In Shops: 20/01/2016





SUICIDE SQUAD: MOST WANTED -DEADSHOT / KATANA #1

Brian Buccellato, Various

Two of the stars of next year's highly anticipated action movie break out in their own solo adventures in this extra-sized, 6-issue miniseries!

First, in a story by Brian Buccellato, Viktor Bogdanovic and Richard Friend, Deadshot is on the run, taking on a series of new contracts, and re-establishing himself as the world's most deadly marksman. But things are about to get complicated for Floyd Lawton when a figure from his past threatens to expose a dark secret...and Deadshot gets word of his next target: Lex Luthor!

Then, writer Mike W. Barr returns to the character he co-created in "Katana, Cult of the Kobra," with art by Diogenes Neves. Katana needs to know more about Soultaker's origin if she's going to have any hope of controlling the sword instead of falling under its influence. Dr. Helga Jace, a Markovian astrophysicist, may be able to shed some light-but before Katana can get the info, Kobra's forces attack!

In Shops: 27/01/2016



In Shops: 06/01/2016





AMAZING FOREST #1

Ulises Farinas, Erick Freitas, Matt Rota, Various

Tales for the bold. Ideas for the strange. Wicked concepts that stir the minds of those with darkness in their hearts. A modern anthology that lends itself to a time when stories were short and ugly. Written by Ulises Farinas & Erick Freitas, each comic is drawn by a different amazingly talented artist, each lending their unique talents to bring horrible happiness to the readers' skulls!

In Shops: 06/01/2016

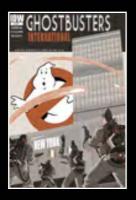


ANGRY
BIRDS
COMICS #1
Kari Korhonen,
Cesar
Ferioli, Ciro

Cangialosi,

Angry Birds Comics returns! Just when you thought the winter doldrums were about to get you down comes a ray of comic book happiness in the form of the classic Angry Birds Comics relaunch! Huzzah!

In Shops: 06/01/2016

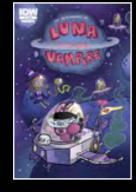


GHOST BUSTERS INTER-NATIONAL #1

Erik Burnham, Dan Schoening

There's something strange in the neighborhood... and whether that neighborhood is in New York City or Venice, Italy, the Ghostbusters will be there! After a bust at the United Nations, the boys in gray are engaged to investigate an Old World haunting, where they begin to unravel a mystery that sends them around the globe (while still trying to keep their contract with the City, County, and State of New York!). Join us for the next chapter in Ghostbusters history - because you demanded it: Ghostbusters International!

In Shops: 27/01/2016



LUNA THE VAMPIRE #1 Yasmin Sheikh

Holy space blast! Ever wonder how it would be if outer space was populated by monsters? Or what it would be like to have a green ugly witch as your best friend? Then look no further! Welcome to the amazing everyday life of Luna the vampire. (Zombie postman and crappy job included.)

In Shops: 27/01/2016



Rich Douek, Brett Barkley, Jules Rivera, Nic Shaw

Cinder Byrnes has been trying to lie, cheat, and steal his way into wizardry his entire life, and he's finally got the key to unlocking the power of magic. But first, he needs to stay one step ahead of the sorcerous crime lord that wants him dead. Writer Rich Douek and Artist Brett Barkley present an action-packed urban fantasy tale, set in a modern New York City where World War II was fought with magic.

In Shops: 20/01/2016

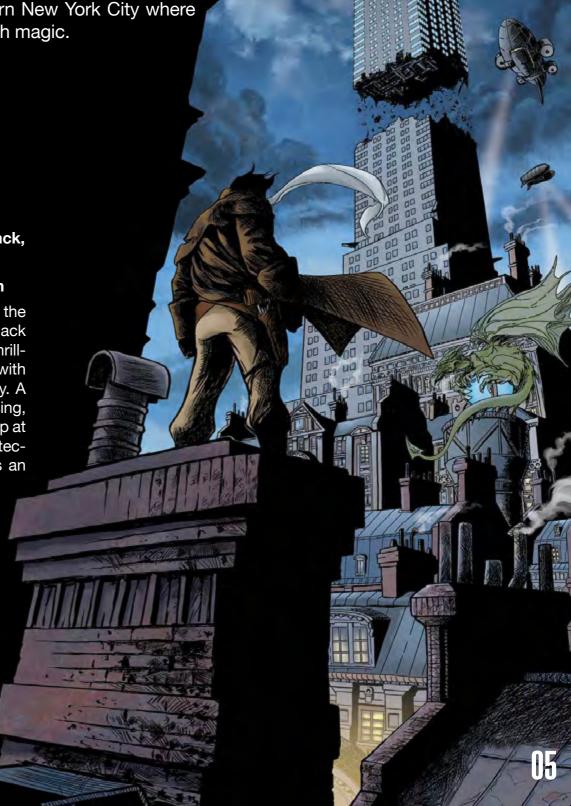


VICTORIE CITY #1

Keith Carmack, Vincent Nappi, Ben Templesmith

An all-new four-issue series in the vein of Se7en, writer Keith Carmack and artist Vincent Nappi mix thriller, mystery, and noir elements with a touch of horror in Victorie City. A young woman has gone missing, unidentifiable bodies are piling up at the morgue, and a lone wolf detective is about to stumble across an evil that no one in Victorie City is prepared for. Can the good in Detective Ness overcome a killer whose vicious acts grow to supernatural proportions?

In Shops: 06/01/2016





CRY HAVOC #1 Simon Spurrier, Ryan Kelly, **Emma Price**

Behold the modern monstrosity!

X-Men Legacy writer Simon Spurrier and superstar artist Ryan Kelly present fiends, fragility, and firepower in an all-new series, mixing the hard-boiled militaria of Jarhead with the dark folklore of Pan's Labyrinth. Includes an unprecedented use of multiple colorists (Matt Wilson, Lee Loughridge and Nick Filardi) to define the story's threads, and an incredible variant cover by Eisner Award winner Cameron Stewart.

This is not the tale of a lesbian werewolf who goes to war. Except it kind of is.

In Shops: 27/01/2016

PENCIL HEAD #1

Ted McKeever

Pencil Head is Ted McKeever's semi-autobiographical take on the whacked-out world of the comic book industry. Journey along as we witness protagonist Poodwaddle's trials and tribulations of working, and sustaining, his place in the absurd world of comics, where what happens behind the scenes is far more twisted, and bizarrely hilarious, than anything on the printed page.

In Shops: 20/01/2015



FOUR EYES: HEARTS OF FIRE #1 Joe Kelly, Max

Fiumara

Launching the second arc in the critically-acclaimed story of a boy and his dragon on the hunt for revenge in Depression-era New York City. The training begins.

In Shops: 06/01/2016



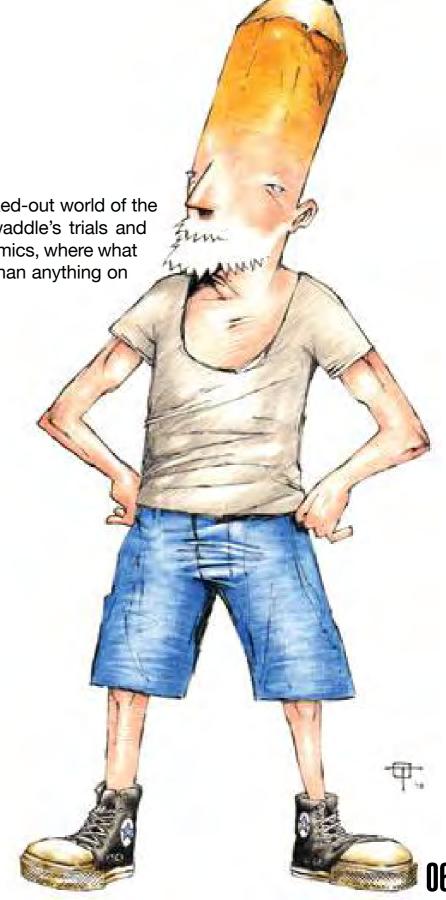
PROPHET: EARTH WAR #1

Brandon Graham, Giannis Milonogiannis, Simon Roy

The epic conclusion to Prophet begins here!

A clone general goes against his Brain-Mother overlords to gain control of an alien egg. Start of the final six issue mini-series.

In Shops: 20/01/2016





AGENTS OF SHIELD #1

Marc Guggenheim, German Peralta, Mike Norton

It's high-stakes espionage in the Marvel Universe in this brand-new series inspired by the hit television show Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Tony Stark guest-stars in the beginning of "The Coulson Protocols."

In Shops: 13/01/2015



CAPTAIN MARVEL #1

Tara Butters, Michele Fazekas, Kris

Face front, true believers! The Captain has made her return and oh, how mighty it is. It's a bold new frontier for Carol Danvers as she soars to new heights in her greatest mission yet - leader of the all-new Alpha Flight space program. Yup, Alpha Flight. As earth's first line of defense. Carol and her team aim to protect the planet from extraterrestrial threats. But can Carol be a soldier and a diplomat? Especially when an unknown enemy emerges that Carol can't quite punch. The superstar team behind Marvel's Agent Carter television series, Tara Butters and Michele Fazekas, make their comics debut alongside the of Cinematic Universe reference awesomely-talented Kris Anka.

In Shops: **20/01/2015**

NEW SERIES

AND ONE-SHOTS FOR JANUARY



GUIDE TO MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE: CAPTAIN **AMERICA -**THE FIRST **AVENGER**

Various

Captain America takes center stage as the MCU Guidebooks' comprehensive coverage of the fan-favorite Marvel Studios films and Marvel TV

shows continues!

Look back on the dark days of World War II as we declassify the secrets of Project Rebirth!

Featuring fact sheets, movie-tocomic comparisons and production stills, this issue is packed with profiles of Steve "Captain America" Rogers himself; patriotic allies including Bucky Barnes, Peggy Carter, Dr. Abraham Erskine and the Howling Commandos; enemies of liberty including Hydra, Arnim Zola and the Red Skull; and updates on Howard Stark and Nick Fury!

Plus: Cap's mighty shield! The Tesseract! Yggdrasil the World-Tree! And more!

Relive the big-screen thrills of Marvel's Captain America: The First Avenger right here, and continue building your indispensable library books!

In Shops: 27/01/2015



STAR WARS: OBI-WAN AND ANAKIN #1

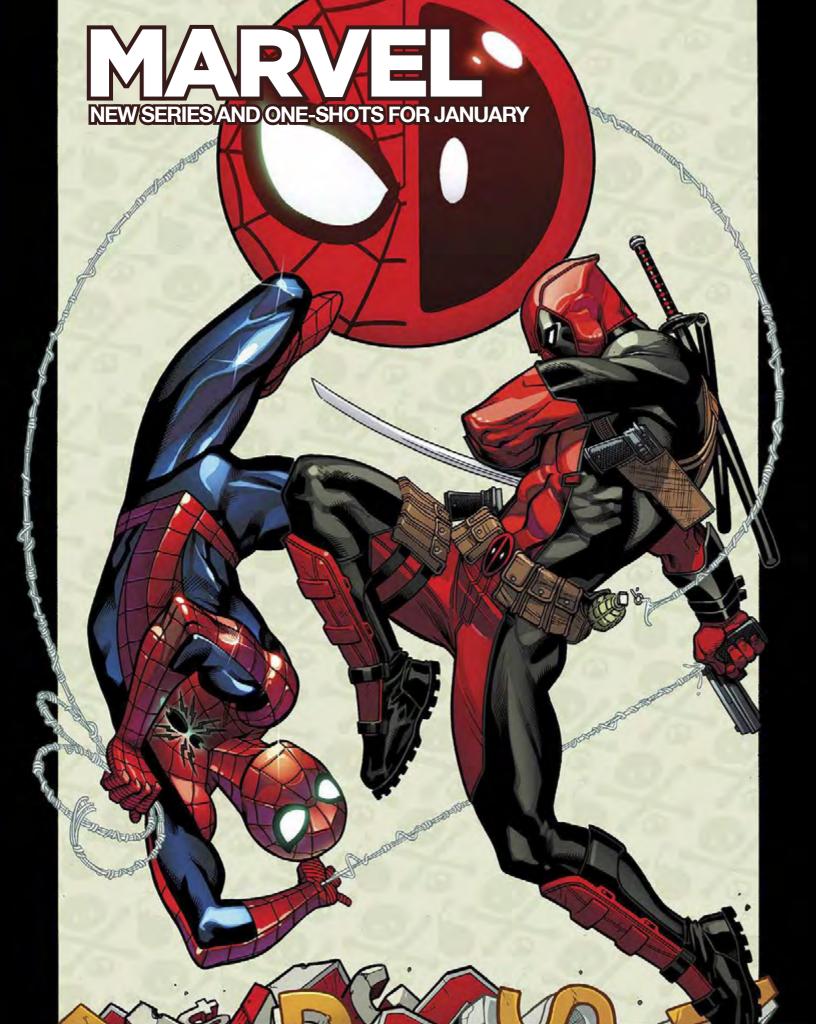
Charles Soule, Marco Checchetto

Before their military heroism in the Clone Wars, before their tragic battle on Mustafar, and many decades before their final confrontation on the Death Star...they were Master Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Padawan learner, Anakin Skywalker. It's been a few years since Obi-Wan pledged to train the young "chosen one," but even as they have grown closer through training, it has been a difficult road. Now, called to a remote planet for assistance, Master and Padawan may be pushed to the breaking point. Writer Charles Soule (Lando, She-Hulk, Daredevil) and artist Marco Checchetto (Star Wars: Shattered Empire, Avengers World, Punisher) bring us a tale of the Jedi at the height of their power...

In Shops: 06/01/2015







SPIDER-MAN / DEADPOOL #1

Joe Kelly, Ed McGuinness

Because you demanded it!

The Webbed Wonder and the Merc with a Mouth are teaming up for their first ongoing series ever! It's action, adventure and just a smattering of (b)romance in this episodic epic featuring the World's Greatest Super Hero and the star of the World's Greatest Comics Magazine. Talk about a real dynamic duo! In Shops: 06/01/2016



OLD MAN LOGAN #1 Jeff Lemire, Andrea Sorrentino

Fifty years from now, Logan will have endured many atrocities: The Marvel Universe's villains will have banded together and rid the world of its heroes. Logan's closest friend, Hawkeye, will have been murdered in cold blood right before his eyes. And driven mad by the same radiation that gave him his superhuman strength, Bruce Banner will have fathered a family of hillbilly Hulks... that eventually went on to slaughter Logan's wife and two children. But now, in the present, Old Man Logan wakes up to discover himself in a world before these atrocities, before the Wasteland. And he's going to seize this opportunity and change history to ensure that his future never comes to pass...

In Shops: 27/01/2015



ROCKET RACCOON AND GROOT

Skottie Young, Filipe Andrade

Rocket Raccoon breaks bad!

There's a new criminal mastermind in the galaxy, and it's... Rocket Raccoon?! How did this happen? Seriously, how did this happen, you guys??? Groot knows, but he's not talking! Well, he is talking, but all he's saying is...oh, you know. Diabolical danger, madcap mysteries and astonishing adventure abound as Skottie Young and Filipe Andrade return to tell tall tail tales of Rocket Raccoon, now with the adorable, arboreal Groot along for the ride! If you love adventure, animals, outer space and just about anything in between, this is the book for you!

In Shops: 06/01/2015



SILVER SURFER #1 Dan Slott, Mike Allred

"Fantastic Planet". The Surfer has taken Dawn Greenwood to the end of the universe, and now he's going to show her the most fantastic planet of them all: Earth! It's your homeworld like you've never seen it before: with monsters, magic and...a secret that will change everything! The perfect jumping-on point for the book everyone's talking about!

In Shops: 13/01/2015



FAITH #1 **VALIANT**

Jody Houser, Francis Portela, Marguerite Sauvage, Jelena Kevic-Diurdievic

Faith Herbert, the psionically gifted "psiot" known as Zephyr, has been a neglected child, a pawn of the Harbinger Foundation, and a washout with the government superteam called Unity. But now she's taking control of her life and becoming the hero she's always known she can be - complete with But a dread new power rises from a cover assignment that routinely throws her into harm's way! But on defending its homeland. A definflying solo is going to be tougher than she ever thought! Is Faith out of her depth...or in for her biggest as she must stop the rise of a brutal adventure yet? Rising star Jody Houser (Orphan Black) and redhot artist Francis Portela (Green Lantern) pilot a new chapter for Valiant's high-flying hero right here in her first-ever limited series!

In Shops: 27/01/2016



ADVENTURE TIME: **ICE KING #1** BOOM!

Emily Partridge, Natalie Andrewson, Shelli Lamb, **Braden Lamb**

The Ice King has always been there, kidnapping princesses, messing with Finn and Jake, and generally being a weirdo. But there's way more to him than that! This is one journey the citizens of Ooo aren't likely to forget!

In Shops: 20/01/2016



RED SONJA VOL.3 #1 DYNAMITE

Marquerite Bennett, Aneke, **Marguerite** Sauvage

Through the plains of Hyrkania, a message sweeps through the scattered peoples of the nation. Bells ring, horns blow, voices shout - the King is dying! Red Sonja rides to save the King from his doom as the powers of Hyboria crowd around to strike when the kingdom is weakest. within Hyrkania's own borders, bent ing chapter of the Red Sonja saga - dark, clever, vicious, and funny new regime... her own people!

In Shops: 31/01/2016



LAST CONTRACT BOOM!

Ed Brisson, Lisandro **Estherren**

A retired hitman, known only as "The Man," is forced back into the game when a list of his kills is leaked by a mysterious Broker. The list makes targets out of anyone associated with one of the The Man's previous jobs, not to mention The Man himself. As he fights to protect those the list exposes, The Man sets off to uncover the identity of the Broker so he can move on with his new life once and for all. But will the truth ruin those chances forever?

In Shops: 27/01/2016



CODE **PRU #1 AVATAR**

Garth Ennis, Raulo Caceres

Garth Ennis and Raulo Caceres bring you a black humor horror book unlike anything you've read!

Pru wanted nothing more than to join the FDNY and help people as a paramedic. However, that was not to be, as she gets assigned to a special unit that tends to the monsters that live in modern day New York. Vampires, zombies, ghouls and all the creepy things that live around us in he shadows. But no one told her that was her assignment. Learning on-the-job is much more challenging with the supernatural!

In Shops: 27/01/2016



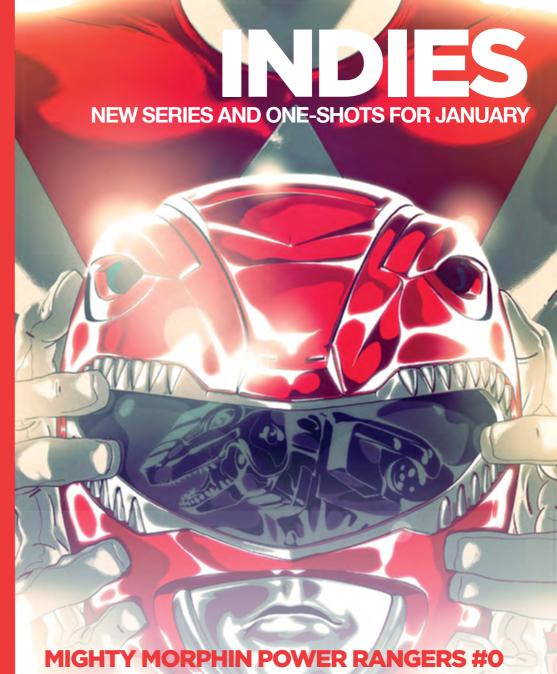
DEVOLUTION #1 **DYNAMITE**

Rick Remender. Jonathan Wayshak, Jae

Every living creature on Earth has been devolved - the evolutionary clock turned back, reverting all life to odd mutations and prehistoric incarnations. The cities of man are little more than bloody territories ruthlessly dominated by tribal Neanderthals.

Journey with the last band of "Still Sapien" humans in the hope of locating an antidote and re-evolving the human race.

In Shops: 20/01/2016



BOOM!

Kyle Higgins, Mairghread Scott, Daniel Bayliss, Hendry Prasetya, Goni Montes

It's Morphin Time! The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers make their Boom! Studios comic debut in this kick-off #0 issue that sets the stage for the rest of the series. After escaping Rita Repulsa's mind control, Tommy Oliver, the Green Ranger, joins up with the rest of the Power Rangers to combat her never-ending evil plans. Any semblance of a normal life is gone for Tommy now, but with his newfound family there lies hope for a brighter path. Includes the short story from the San Diego Comic-Con exclusive Mighty Morphin Power Rangers comics!

In Shops: 13/01/2016

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM JANUARY ONWARDS...



WITCHBLADE: **BORNE AGAIN** VOL.3 IMAGE

Marz, Hawkins, House, Various



ALL NEW X-MEN VOL.4 (HC) MARVEL

Bendis, Asrar, Pichelli, Various



DIRK GENTLY: INTER-CONNECT OF ALL KINGS IDW

Ryall, Akins, **Kvriazis**



COLOR YOUR OWN DEADPOOL **MARVEL**

Various

What's black and white and red all

over? The Deadpool Coloring Book

when you've finished with it! Say

goodbye to your scarlet pens and

crimson pencils as you bring to life

page after page of pinups featuring

the claret-clad clown! Or if you're

feeling anarchic, why not conduct your own Crayon X experiment and

take an all-hue, all-different ap-

proach? With 60 pages of line art by

some of the finest illustrators ever to

regenerate your favorite degenerate.

hours of fun await. Grab yourself a

chimichanga in one hand, a coloring implement in the other, and go wild!

The final chapter in the story of Sara Pezzini! During her twenty years as Bearer of the Witchblade, Sara Pezzini has traveled the globe to do battle with just about every form of evil under the sun. When a powerful collector of the supernatural offers Sara a job, though, she finds herself called back to where it all began: New York City. Looming over this new opportunity is the cold, hard fact that nothing lasts forever, and Sara's tenure as Witchblade is almost at its end. Is this the end of the Artifact, or the end of her life? Collects Witchblade #180-185.

In Shops: 09/12/2016

The All-New X-Men are off to a world like their own, to meet Miles Morales, the Ultimate Spider-Man, and their own counterparts! Welcome to the Ultimate Universe, gang, hope you survive the experience! And when some of the team are kidnapped by the vicious Mister Knife, the rest must unite with the Guardians of the Galaxy to discover the secrets of the Black Vortex!

Collecting All-New X-Men (2012) #31-41.

> **ANGEL AND** FAITH - S.10

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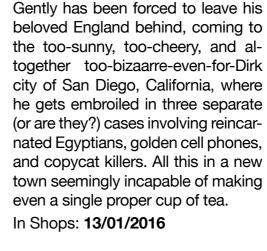
THAN KIN

DARK HORSE

Gischler, Conrad,

Richards, Fischer

In Shops: 04/05/2016



In his first-ever comic series, Doug-

las Adams' holistic detective Dirk



NAMELESS (HC) **IMAGE**

Morrison, Burnham, Fairbairn



"Nameless", a down-at-heel occult hustler, is recruited for a desperate mission to save the world.

A massive asteroid on collision course with the planet Earth is revealed to be a fragment of our solar system's lost fifth planet, Marduk. Here, an extra-dimensional "god" is still alive, dreaming of its ultimate revenge on all that exists!

In Shops: 27/01/2016

In Shops: 06/01/2016

MY LITTLE PONY: **EQUESTRIA GIRLS** IDW Anderson, Cook,

Fleecs, Price

Based on the hit movie, join the girls as they get settled into Canterlot High. Plus, Sunset Shimmer tries to find the true meaning of the holidays as ru-

mors circulate around the school.

Collects the 2013 Annual and the 2014 Holiday Special.

In Shops: 13/01/2016



BATGIRL VOL.2: FAMILY BUSINESS DC Stewart, Fletcher, Tarr

There's a new Batman in town-and that's bad news for Barbara Gordon! It's all here, from the pages of Batgirl #41-45. Annual #3 and the Sneak Peek story from Convergence: Infinity Inc #2.

In Shops: 17/02/2016

While Angel is stateside, Faith and Fred are tasked with investigating missing students from a local prep school. Angel returns to London in the midst of the vampire threat-but he hasn't returned alone, and he, Faith, and Fred suddenly have double the trouble!

Collects Angel And Faith - Season 10 #16-20.

In Shops: 09/03/2016

NEW GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COLLECTED EDITIONS ARRIVING FROM JANUARY ONWARDS...



CONSTANTINE
THE HELLBLAZER VOL.1:
GOING DOWN
DC

Doyle, Tynion IV, Rossmo, Various



HALO: ESCALATION VOL.4 DARK HORSE Boudreau, Lean, Various



TALES OF HONOR VOL.2 IMAGE Wickline,

Hawkins, Sejic



BATMAN: ARKHAM KNIGHT -GENESIS (HC) DC

Tomasi, Borges, Soy

The dark adventures of DC's foremost occult detective continue in *is*sues #1-6 of his all-new series, plus the Sneak Peek story from *Conver*gence: Shazam! #2, as he investigates the cruelest case he's ever come across-his own dark history!

Someone is murdering ghosts, a supernatural crime so impossible to solve that John Constantine is forced to return to London and seek help from the one person he hates more than any other; a magician above reproach. She is Georgiana Snow... the Heckblazer!

In Shops: 10/02/2016



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES VOL.13 IDW

IDW

Eastman, Waltz, Santolouco

The Turtles take the fight to Baxter Stockman, while Karai decrees a "Gauntlet" battle between ancient foes Splinter and Shredder all leading to a final showdown that will determine the fate of NYC, and the world, for years to come!

Collects issues #48-50.

In Shops: 13/01/2016

An unexpected ally joins a crack team of Spartans for their most dangerous operation-a secret mission into the mysterious Forerunner site known as the Absolute Record. The Halo saga continues in this volume collecting Halo: Escalation #19-24 by Duffy Boudreau (BlackAcre, Bloodshot), Ian Richardson (Noble Causes), and Douglas Franchin (Person of Interest).

In Shops: 09/03/2016



MIRACLEMAN VOL.1: THE GOLDEN AGE (HC) MARVEL

Gaiman, Buckingham

Award-winning writer Neil Gaiman (Sandman) and artist Mark Buckingham (Fables) unveil Miracleman's Golden Age! Atop Olympus, Miracleman presides over a brave new world of countless wonders. It is an Age of Miracles -- but is humankind ready for it? Do we even want it? Is there a place for humanity in a world of gods?

Collecting *Miracleman* by Gaiman and Buckingham #1-6.

In Shops: 02/03/2016

On the leisure station Eros, naval commander Honor Harrington's roguish uncle has gone missing... under very mysterious circumstances. In the absence of actual shore leave, it's up to Honor and her crewmen, officers Horace Harkness and Scotty Tremaine, with the help of her pet Treecat, Nimitz, to infiltrate Eros and uncover a mystery of galactic proportions!

Collects Tales Of Honor: Bred To Kill #0-4.

In Shops: 24/02/2016



ZODIAC STARFORCE DARK HORSE Panetta, Ganucheau

An elite group of teenage girls with magical powers have sworn to protect our planet against dark creature... as long as they can get out of class! Known as the Zodiac Starforce, these high-school girls aren't just combating math tests. They're also battling monsters!

Collects Zodiac Starforce #1-4.

In Shops: 09/03/2016

In this prequel to the smash-hit video game phenomenon *Batman: Arkham Knight*, learn more about the game's main villain-or is he really a hero?-with this definitive origin tale.

Collected from the 6-issue miniseries, this is a must-have for any fan of the Rocksteady games!

In Shops: 23/03/2016



DEADPOOL: FIRSTS MARVEL Various

He's your number one, and these are his #1s! (Plus some other weird numbers.) Deadpool's dazzling debut steals the New Mutants' spotlight, leading to his very first limited series. Then brace yourself as the degenerate regenerates into nine new titles! Collecting New Mutants (1983) #98, Deadpool: The Circle Chase #1, Deadpool (1994) #1, Deadpool (1997) #1, Cable And Deadpool #1, Deadpool (2008) #1, Deadpool: Merc With A Mouth #1, Deadpool Team-Up #899, Deadpool Corps #1, Deadpool (2013) #1 and Deadpool (2015) #1.

In Shops: 03/02/2016





NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Most of the past year has all been about DC and their move to the west coast necessitating, in their opinion, a two month break from regular comics. Thus was born *Convergence*.

Not to be outdone, Marvel caused all of their titles to disappear into a worm hole universe dominated by Dr Doom and Stephen Strange. Thus was born *Secret Wars*, which in turn is rebirthing the Marvel Universe this autumn/winter.

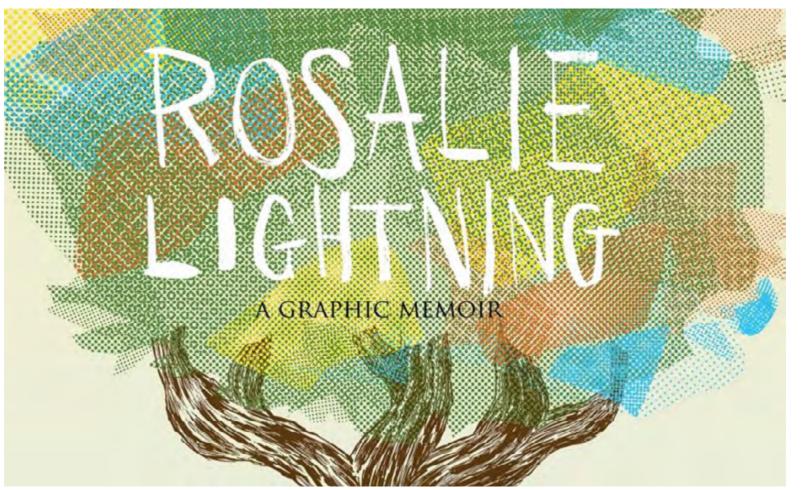
This is all the same in the end - fun, but much the same.

Comics are a very diverse medium and there are any number of fabulous examples of comics that stretch the mind available. Some in black and white (to my mind, this is sometimes better than colour), some in colour and some that really make you have to think to enjoy them.

In this month's Previews (#326) there is a graphic novel that should be on everybody's 'must read' list - *Rosalie Lightning* by Tom Hart, published by St Martins Press.

BIFF'S BIT

Email Biff here: martin@acecomics.co.uk



He recently had the joy of becoming the father to a beautiful baby girl, Rosalie, who was struck down at the age of just two years. This unique, heart rending exploration of his and his family's pain as they came/come to terms with this loss is a heart wrenching read.

A vast majority of us have at some point or other faced loss and many certainly will do in the coming years. I am a person who keeps his pain to himself, facing adversity with a joke instead, sometimes making me seem harsh and unkind. If only I

could express myself in the manner of this book. The joy of his daughter's short life shines through, making the laying bare of the sorrow even more poignant.

The book takes us through their recent life, not in a straight line, but like a lot of dramas and novels the narrator takes us back and forward in the story. The sadness counterpointed by earlier happiness, the simplicity of childhood shown and then the emptiness with that pure joy gone. In the horror of that moment when Rosalie was discovered lifeless, I could feel

an arrow in my heart. I thank God I have never faced a moment like this, my biggest fear being when for just 30 seconds I had lost track of my two daughters in a busy shop.

My eyes and my heart have been opened up by reading this harrowing story and my thoughts go out no only to Tom and Leela, but also to all parents who have found themselves in this position.

You will face an emotional read, but it will be well worth every second.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ALTERNATIVE

A few years back my brother gave all his family a card detailing how much he gave to charity or how in sponsored a child in Africa on their behalf. This was his Christmas present to us all. Showing an alternative to us of what we could do with our money at this self-indulgent time of year. 'Children in need' looms on November 13th and I am sure a lot of you will have been involved in some way with this major event. I also urge you to think generously in December as their plight will never go away and the knowledge that anonymous people are thinking of them matters as much as the gift.

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